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VRS has wonderful access to Deaf and Hearing customers to interpret between two parties. It helps removing the barrier like less misunderstanding and unsuccessful communication. It has facial expressions, beautiful sign language and gestures together that I can look what they said of on TV or monitor. It is really faster than using TTY. I communicated with VRS and finished in just 3 to 5 minutes. If I use TTY, it would finish in 30 minutes. You see the comparison between VRS and TTY. It is better than TTY is.

Recently, Sorenson VRS brought videophone equipments to Congress in Washington, DC. Sorenson certified interpreters gave the examples to the representatives and senators what videophone is and how to communicate smoothly between two parties through VRS. So they could understand what interpreters said and meet the demand of the Deaf individuals.

So I please you FCC not to cut the rate to VRS programs. Please let VRS running their business on to the access for the Deaf individuals. Most of us don't want to use old times bringing up like using TTY. Our value is Deaf Culture so interpreters understand the Deaf custom. Please leave us alone what we are.

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## Cheryl King

From:

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Sent:

Monday, June 11, 2007 6:05 PM

To:

Cheryl King

Subject: Re: Federal Communications Commission - VRS Rates

#### Hi Ms King,

I will like to add my comment to the CG Docket No. 03-123 that I will like to see continuity in VRS which help a lot of deaf and hearing impaired. The service is wonderful which help to speed up the communication and improve the quality of people who use American Sign Language. Without this service, we will be lost because comparing to TTY and VRS, TTY tends to be slow and can have misunderstanding which we do not know what the operator is telling the callers what we want. VRS helped us to see what the interpreter is telling the caller and be sure we get everything right. It helped a lot to have this service which that included communicating with doctors, lawyers and banking. Please keep this service and let us enjoy the quality of life that we need the most.

Thanks for your time in this and have a good day. Robert J. Miller

"Cheryl King" <Cheryl.King@fcc.gov>

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cc "Genaro Fullano" <Genaro.Fullano@fcc.gov>, "Thomas Chandler" <Thomas.Chandler@fcc.gov>

Subject Federal Communications Commission - VRS Rates

### Dear Mr. Miller:

Gene Fullano has forwarded your email about VRS rates to me. We appreciate hearing from you and understand your concerns about the importance of Video Relay Service (VRS) for deaf and hard of hearing persons who use American Sign Language. Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires the FCC to ensure that TRS is made widely available and to identify reimbursement rates for all TRS providers. This process of establishing the reasonable compensation rates for the various forms of TRS reflects the Commission's twin obligations of ensuring that providers are compensated for the reasonable and fair costs of providing eligible TRS services, and ensuring the integrity of the Interstate TRS Fund.

The Commission has an open rulemaking docket, CG Docket No. 03-123, to address the annual reimbursement rates for all forms of TRS, including VRS. If you will let me know this is what you want, your comments can be filed in the docket and will be considered along with other comments and reply comments in the proceeding. Please let me know if you wish your comments to be put on the record.

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The VRS rate should encourage the VRS providers to:

- Serve more deaf people, not discourage them from reaching out to more deaf people
- Provide interpreter training programs so that there will be an adequate number of qualified interpreters for VRS and the local Deaf communities
- Provide service and technology improvements, such as the development of new videophone equipment, fulfilling the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandate of functionally equivalent telecommunications services

I, along with other deaf individuals, their families and coworkers, depend on VRS and other relay services.

Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

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